

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Petition of Time Warner Cable for Preemption	)	WC Docket No. 06-54
Pursuant to Section 253 of the Communications	)	
Act, as amended	)	
	)	
Petition of Time Warner Cable for Declaratory	)	WC Docket No. 06-55
Ruling That Competitive Local Exchange Carriers	)	
May Obtain Interconnection Under Section 251	)	
Of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,	)	
To Provide Wholesale Telecommunications	)	
Services to VoIP Providers	)	
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**COMMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

The United States Telecom Association (USTelecom)<sup>1</sup> files these comments in support of the several motions that have been filed in the above-referenced dockets for a 30-day extension of the deadline to file comments and reply comments. USTelecom has many member companies that are interested in participating in these two proceedings and requests that additional time, beyond the 21 days allotted for comments and then another 15 days allotted for reply comments, be provided so as to allow those interested in participating to have an opportunity to evaluate fully the underlying state records and address the issues raised in the Time Warner requests. USTelecom recognizes that extensions are not routinely granted, but notes that there is broad support for an extension in both proceedings<sup>2</sup> and maintains that the public interest will be not be

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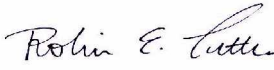
<sup>1</sup> USTelecom is the nation's leading trade association representing communications service providers and suppliers for the telecom industry. USTelecom's carrier members provide a full array of voice, data, and video services across a wide range of communications platforms.

<sup>2</sup> See South Carolina Telephone Coalition Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket Nos. 06-54 and 06-55 (filed March 16, 2006); John Staurulakis, Inc. Motion for Extension of Time, WC

harmed but rather that the public interest is best served by providing interested parties with adequate time to respond and thereby ensure that the records are well-developed. For the foregoing reasons, USTelecom urges the Commission to extend the deadline for filing comments and reply comments each by 30 days to April 26, 2006 and May 11, 2006 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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Docket No. 06-55 (filed March 16, 2006); Nebraska Public Service Commission Motion for Extension of Time To File Comments and Reply Comments, WC Docket No. 06-55 (filed March 16, 2006); CompTel Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket Nos. 06-54 and 06-55 (filed March 15, 2006); Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company Comments in Support of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Motion for Extension of Time To File Comments and Reply Comments, WC Docket No. 06-55 (filed March 17, 2006).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Meena Joshi, do certify that on March 20, 2006, the aforementioned Comments of The United States Telecom Association Supporting Motions for Extension were electronically filed with the Commission through its Electronic Comment Filing System and either electronically mailed or sent by first class U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid to the following:

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